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SUBJ: VIET NAM ELECTIONS: KPPER HOUSE RETURNS

1. CENTRALNELECTION COUNCIL HAS ANNOUNCED INITIAL RESULTS FROM AN ADDITIONAL 11 PROVINCES. THEY ARE PHU YEN, PHU BON, PLEIKU, KIEN HOA, KIEN TUONG, BAC LIEU, CAM RANH, VINH LONG, KIEN GIANG, GO CONG, AND SA DEC. ADDING THESE RESULTS TO THOSE REPORTED REFTEL, WE HAVE INITIAL RETURNS FROM 26

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OF VIET NAM'S 50 ELECTORAL JURISDICTIONS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE RETURNS DO NOT INCLUDE SAIGON OR ITS NEIGHBORING PROVINCEOF GIA DINH, AND THAT MOST OF THE PROVINCES REPORTING SO FAR ARE IN THE DELTA. NINE I CORPS PROVINCES HAVE REPORTED AS YET. ALL AUTONOMOUS CITIES SAVE SAIGON ARE INCLUDED.

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13	(TRAN VAN DON)	307,644
10	(PHAM BA CAM)	260,027
34	(MAI VAN LE)	219,412
32	(HUYNH VAN NGHIEM)	206,066
25	(TRUONG CONG CUU)	202,506
33	(TRAN VAN AN)	201,396
2	(LA THANH NGHE)	195,064
21	(NGUYEN NGOC KY)	19NRFO
RW	(PHAN NHU TOAN)	188,876
40	(NGUYENNVAN HUYEN)	IINTRP
8	(NGUYEN GIA HIEN)	182,940
14	(NGUYEN NGOC TAN)	182,465
46	(LE VAN NGHIEM)	17,053
4	(VU QUOC THUC)	172,467
41	(LE THANH LIEM)	171,866

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FROM : Amembassy SAIGON

Noted DATE: September 5, 1967

SUBJECT : Foreign Observers of Vietnam Elections

REF :

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Summary:

A total of 116 official foreign observers, of which 27 were journalists, from twenty-four countries and the ICFTU accepted the GVN invitations to the September 3 elections. This represents over half of the forty-one countries to which invitations were extended, and was a larger number than the GVN had expected would accept. In addition, there were approximately 100 unofficial observers, predominantly journalists, present. Although it is too early to judge fully, the overall reaction of the observers appears to be that the elections were free of significant fraud or coercion.

1. Invitations:

The Government of Vietnam extended invitations to forty-one countries and several international organizations (the ICFTU and three parliamentary organizations - the APU, IPU, and Commonwealth Organization) to send observers to the September 3 Vietnamese elections. These invitations unfortunately were vaguely worded, requesting only "a certain number of observers from your country". The GVN later attempted to clarify this by instructing its Embassies to inform the invited countries that such observers could be officials, parliamentarians, or any suitable person the country wished to send. Nonetheless, several governments (Norway, Denmark) regretted on grounds that they did not wish to send an official governmental delegation.

In addition to, and simultaneous with the governmental invitations, selected GVN embassies were instructed also to invite journalists as official guests.

Several governmental and journalist invitations were sent out too late for them to be accepted, notably to the Komeito in Japan and to parliamentarians

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